

Nancy's contributions to conservation have inspired comparisons to John Muir. Oregonians who love all that the Gorge has to offer, including hiking, scenic driving, wildflowers, and waterfalls, have Nancy Russell to thank. Her last visit to the Gorge came just 3 weeks before she passed. Her legacy of sweeping views, rugged rivers and mountains, and pristine beauty lives on.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I requested in the FY 2009 Duncan D. Hunter National Defense Authorization Act. This is in addition to my comments dated May 20, 2008.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 5658.

Project: Eglin Air Force Base Child Development Center.

Account: MILCON, Air Force.

Requesting entity: Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Description: \$11 million request for a Child Development Center at Eglin Air Force base. There is an urgent requirement for a new Child Care Development Center for 305 children. The current Child Development Center does not provide sufficient child care capacity to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Eglin AFB community.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 5658.

Project: Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures, LAIRCM, for AFSOC AC/MC 130 aircraft.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Requesting entity: L-3 Crestview Aerospace 5486 Fairchild Road Crestview, FL 32539.

Description: \$9 million request for LAIRCM for AFSOC AC/MC 130 aircraft. The funding would be used to provide aircraft protection from infrared and small arms threats.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 5658.

Project: Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures, LAIRCM, for AFSOC MC130P.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Requesting entity: L-3 Crestview Aerospace 5486 Fairchild Road Crestview, FL 32539.

Description: \$15 million request for LAIRCM for AFSOC MC130P aircraft. The funding would be used to provide aircraft protection from infrared and small arms threats. Operational fire hazard constraints presently preclude the tanker aircrews from employing their sole infrared flare protection while at slow speeds and low altitudes refueling helicopters.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 5658.

Project: I-1000 Warhead Demonstration.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Requesting entity: General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems 4565 Commercial Drive, Suite A, Niceville, FL 32578.

Description: \$8 million request for I-1000 Warhead Demonstration. The funding would be used to close the "first night" capability gap in light of the Air Force's decision to retire the F-117 fleet.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 5658.

Project: Impact Aid Program.

Account: O&M, Defense-Wide.

Requesting entity: Department of Defense Education Agency.

Description: \$50 million request for the Impact Aid Program. The funding would provide assistance to local school districts that educate large numbers of military personnel. An additional \$15 million would be used to support those local school districts that will be significantly impacted by BRAC and Global Re-basing.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Republican Conference standards on earmarks, I submit the following information regarding a project included at my request in H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009:

Requesting Member: Congressman JIM JORDAN. (OH-04).

Bill: H.R. 2638.

Account: Army Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E)—Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology.

Requesting entity: Joint Systems Manufacturing Center, 1161 Buckeye Road, Lima, OH.

Project title: N-STEP-Enabled Manufacturing Cell for Future Combat Systems.

Description: With Federal assistance in fiscal years 2005 and 2006, the Government-owned Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, OH, developed a friction apertenance welding cell to automate the many hundreds of individual welds required in large combat vehicle manufacturing. The \$2.4 million included in H.R. 2638 will help perfect this technology for current and Future Combat Systems production, reducing the cost to the Government for vehicle procurement.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. DANA GIOIA

#### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Dana Gioia for his service and tenure at the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mr. Dana Gioia has been a tireless advocate for bringing the arts to communities across the country. Through his NEA National Initiatives, such as The Big Read, Poetry Out Loud, and American Masterpieces, Mr. Gioia has given all Americans the opportunity to enjoy the finest artistic and cultural programs. During his two terms as chairman of the Na-

tional Endowment for the Arts he has successfully worked across party lines to bring broad support and enthusiasm to the arts and art education.

As a lifelong trumpet player and a member of the National Council on the Arts, I have seen first hand the positive impact art education can have on a person's life. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Gioia during his two terms as chairman, granting more opportunities for more Americans to experience the arts. Mr. Gioia has traveled to my district and many others, educating members of the community and promoting the grant process at a grassroots level. Through the Challenge America: Reaching Every Community initiatives, he has guaranteed that direct grants will reach art organizations in every congressional district in every State. Many of these organizations are first time recipients of Endowment support. Mr. Gioia is continuously ensuring all communities have the ability to bring the arts home.

For his life of service to the arts and consistent hard work toward the betterment of our country, I commend Dana Gioia upon his retirement from the National Endowment for the Arts.

#### HONORING THE HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

#### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to rise in support of a resolution I authored, H. Res. 875, honoring and supporting the Hadley School for the Blind.

Dr. William A. Hadley, an Illinois high school teacher, lost his vision at age 55. With the loss of his sight Dr. Hadley believed that he would also lose his greatest joy—teaching. Although he taught himself Braille so he could continue to read, he was frustrated with the lack of educational opportunities for blind individuals.

Dr. Hadley wanted to help others like him gain the skills and knowledge that could lead to independence. In 1920, Dr. Hadley and ophthalmologist Dr. E.V.L. Brown created the Hadley School for the Blind. Today, the Hadley School is the largest single educator of blind persons in the world, reaching 10,000 students annually in all 50 states and in 100 different countries.

The school began with teaching Braille with the innovative use of correspondence courses. While it is still known for its superior Braille curriculum, the school has expanded to offer a high school degree program and adult continuing education classes. In 2008, the School will expand again to include the Hadley School for Professional Studies for professionals who serve those who are blind and visually impaired.

Students from the school have done extraordinary things. Former student Christine Gilson, a blind doctoral candidate and Fulbright scholar from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was the 2007 recipient of the Hadley School for the Blind's President's Service Award for exceptional work in raising awareness of the needs and abilities of blind and visually impaired people. She bridged cultural boundaries by teaching visually impaired